

RESOLUTION NO. 175
DEMETRIOUS JOHNSON

***WHEREAS*, we have been apprised that on October 3, 2007, The Give Back Foundation (Foundation) will be hosting an event along with GQ'S Entertainment at Savor World Cuisine and Bistro to honor individuals who are giving of their time and efforts back to their community; and**

***WHEREAS*, this year's community service honoree is former Detroit Lion Demetrious Johnson; and**

***WHEREAS*, Demetrious attended the University of Missouri and later went on to be drafted by the Detroit Lions where he played for seven years; and**

***WHEREAS*, Demetrious works tirelessly in the community with his organization, The Demetrious Johnson Charitable Fundation which is responsible for numerous events within the St. Louis Community; and**

***WHEREAS*, Demetrious is the host of an All-Star game that brings the best basketball talent in the metro area together for one game that attracts college scouts from around the nation to observe talented players who may have been overlooked. He also brings together a group of volunteers to pass out turkeys to underprivileged communities and has sponsored trips for over 300 kids to his alma mater; and**

***WHEREAS*, Demetrious Johnson is an exceptional member of this community, and we greatly appreciate his commitment to our neighborhoods and the City of St. Louis; and**

***WHEREAS*, it is fitting that this Board, Alderwoman Jones-King in conjunction with The Give Back Foundation and GQ'S Entertainment would like to salute Demetrious Johnson as a distinguished member of this community, and to let you know that this award is a symbol of the respect and appreciation that the St. Louis Community has for you.**

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Demetrious Johnson and thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.**

**Introduced on the 5th day of October, 2007 by:
Honorable Bennice Jones-King, Alderwoman 21st Ward
Honorable Terry Kennedy, Aldermen 18th Ward
Adopted this the 5th day of October, 2007 as attested:**